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 FIBRINOGEN FRAGMENT E
 ACTIVITY, ANALOGS,
 ANTIBODIES AND USES THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend, as follows, claims of the above-identified patent application, which claims incorporate the amendments under Article 34 filed in the corresponding international patent application:

8. (Amended) A variant peptide which is a variant of a fragment according to claim 5, which variant has one or two amino acid substitutions, insertions or deletions with respect to said fragment wherein the variant peptide is capable of modulating a fibrin fragment E activity.

10. (Amended) A peptide according to claim 1, wherein said activity is stimulation of cell proliferation or angiogenesis.

11. (Amended) A fusion peptide which comprises a first portion having the amino acid sequence of a peptide according to claim 1 and a second portion, attached to the N- or C-terminus of the

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